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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE BOOK FOR PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

¶1. Severino Almeida, The Secretary General came to the Embassy on January 24 to sign the condolence book opened in the memory of the late former President Gerald R. Ford. The Secretary General wrote: "In memory of former President of the United States of American Gerald Ford. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde pays sincere tribute to the great American statesman who was Gerald Ford, at the same time presents its ardent condolences to the bereaved family and to the American Nation in general. Rest in Peace."

¶2. Also signing the condolence book were Ambassadors or their representatives from China, France, Senegal, and Russia.

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